

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**June 2012 – Week 3**

**Air Date: June 10 – June 16 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: CHAOS AT THE CAPITOL**

JUNE 1865 AND THERE'S CHAOS AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 11, 1865. AUSTIN. WORD OF THE CONFEDERATE SURRENDER HAS REACHED TEXAS – THE WAR IS OVER.

TO ESCAPE THE UNION OCCUPATION, CONFEDERATE OFFICIALS FLEE AND CIVIL ORDER DISAPPEARS. SEIZING THE MOMENT, THIEVES BREAK INTO THE STATE TREASURY BUILDING.

SOUNDING A CHURCH BELL, CONFEDERATE CAPTAIN GEORGE FREEMAN RALLIES VOLUNTEERS TO DEFEND THE TREASURY. A GUNFIGHT ENSUES.

ONE OUTLAW IS KILLED, THE OTHERS ESCAPE TO A NEARBY HIDEOUT WITH \$17 GRAND IN STATE GOLD AND SILVER. NEITHER THE MEN NOR THE MONEY ARE EVER FOUND.

THE TEXAS TREASURY WAS RAIDED 147 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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